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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application No.	09/396,244	
	Filing Date	September 15, 1999	
	First Named Inventor	Masatoshi NAGANO	
	Group Art Unit	2622	
	Examiner Name	Cheukfan LEE	
	Atty Docket No.	1232-4566	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

iii. ☐ Other:

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other:

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. Other: Petition to Withdraw from Issue Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 313(c)(2) is submitted herewith as the issue fee after been paid on March 3, 2005

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(c) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4566

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

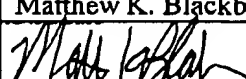
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.

c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4566

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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